

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR), comprising:  
a first endplate component adapted for fixation to an upper vertebral body;  
a second endplate component adapted for fixation to ~~an upper~~ a lower vertebral body; and  
a spacer component disposed between the two endplate components, the spacer component  
including one or more rotating elements disposed on casters between that articulate with the two  
endplate components to reduce friction during spinal flexion, extension or other movements; and  
wherein each caster swivels about a vertical axis and has a wheel that rotates about a horizontal  
axis.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR) of claim 1,  
including one or more elements wheels rotatable about axes oriented generally medial to lateral.